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SUBJECT: IRAQI VISAS FOR U.S. INTERESTS SECTION PERSONNEL

1. FSR-7 LLOYD STEVENSON, HIS WIFE, AND INFANT SON, WILL DEPART BRASILIA SHORTLY ON PERMANENT TRANSFER TO U.S. INTERESTS SECTION IN BAGHDAD, WHICH OPERATES UNDER FLAG OF BELGIAN EMBASSY.

2. EMBASSY BRASILIA WISHES TO OBTAIN VISAS FOR STEVENSON AND DEPENDENTS. NORMA. NORMAL PROCEDURE WOULD BE DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO LOCAL IRAQI EMBASSY, REQUESTING DIPLOMATIC VISAS FOR THOSE NAMED. HOWEVER, POST IS UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW TO PROCEED THIS CASE, IN VIEW OF PRIOR SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAQ AND THE U.S.: WE SUSPECT OUR IRAQI COUNTERPARTS HERE WILL BE SIMILARLY PERPLEXED.

3. POST WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON REQUEST FOR VISAS, TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON PREVIOUS IRAQI VISA TREATMENT OF U.S. INTERESTS SECTION EMPLOYEES, FOR USE IN PURSUING THE MATTER. IF DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTION TO USE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE, IRRESPECTIVE OF TYPE OF VISAS TO BE REQUESTED, PLEASE SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE APPROACH

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